GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAIL BIJILEE COMPANY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Railways has recently set up Rail Bijli Company Limited for in-house production of electricity for its requirements;

(b): if so, the details thereof including total equity of the company and the share holding of Railways in the company;

(c): the number of generating units to be set up and the total Mega Watt capacity of the proposed company;

(d): whether the company has obtained all the clearances;

(e): if so, the time limit by which the company will be starting its operations;

(f): whether the Railways has worked out the economic of power generation by Rail Bijli and its transmission over long distances; and

(g): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No yet Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): It is proposed to install 4 units of 250 MW capacities each.

(d) Not yet.

(e) Not yet fixed.

(f) & (g) Yes Sir. Central Electricity Authority in consultation with Power Grid Corporation of India Ltdhas worked out the transmission arrangement required to be created/supplemented. As per this about 75 Paise per unit (tentative as actual will be decided by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission) will be required tobe paid to Central Transmission utility for taking power to different states from proposed power plant location. In addition certain wheeling charges to be decided by State Electricity Regulatory Commission will be required to be paid to State utility. Even after the payment of above charges, electricity rate per unit to Railways at different load centers is expected to be lower than the present rate at which railways are purchasing power.